

## **FUTURE FISHERIES IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

### **RANKING CRITERIA**

#### **BENEFITS A NATIVE FISH SPECIES (15 points maximum)**

Project protects or enhances habitat for a native fish species with an emphasis on species of special concern.

#### **OPTIMIZES PUBLIC BENEFITS TO WILD FISHERIES (25 points maximum)**

1. Project will protect or enhance wild fish habitat by:
  - a. Restoration of river bed or lake bottom cover.
  - b. Restoration of river banks or lake shore.
  - c. Improving spawning or rearing habitat.
  - d. Improving fish passage.
  - e. Increasing bank, channel or shoreline cover.
  - f. Enhancing in-stream flows.
2. Project is expected to improve wild fish populations and fishing:
  - a. Greatly. Project is expected to measurably increase angler opportunity or angler success over a wide area (>2.0 mi.) of stream or in a large (>500 acres) lake or reservoir.
  - b. Moderately. Project is expected to measurably increase angler opportunity or angler success over a moderate area (>0.5 to 2.0 mi.) of stream or in a moderate sized (>200 to 500 acres) lake or reservoir.
  - c. Somewhat. Project is expected to measurably increase angler opportunity or angler success over a small area (0.5 mi.) of stream or in a small (<200 acres) lake or reservoir. (OR) Project is expected to increase angler opportunity or angler success but the benefits are unlikely to be measurable.
  - d. No increase.
3. Project will increase public fish opportunity for wild fish:
  - a. Public fish is allowed adjacent to the project.
  - b. Public fishing is not allowed but the project will benefit a fishery that the public has access to.
  - c. Public fish is not allowed and the public will not benefit from the project.

#### **IMPORTANCE OF THE RIVER, STREAM OR LAKE (5 pts maximum - MFISH ratings)**

1. Class I (highest value).
2. Class II (high priority).
3. Class III (substantial fishery).
4. Class IV (moderate fishery).
5. Class V (limited fishery).
6. Class VI (Not listed, but limited fishery).

LONG TERM EFFECTIVENESS (25 points maximum)

1. Project corrects the cause of the original problem.
2. Project partially corrects the cause of the original problem.
3. Project does not address the cause of the problem – project becomes ineligible.

EXPECTED BENEFITS RELATIVE TO COST (15 point maximum)

1. Project benefits high relative to cost.
2. Project benefits about equal to cost.
3. Project costs exceed benefits – project becomes ineligible.

COST SHARING OR IN-KIND SERVICES (15 point maximum)

Percent of project that will be funded from other revenue sources and/or in-kind services:

1. 50% or greater.
2. 25 to 49%.
3. Up to 24%.
4. Project relies entirely on Future Fisheries Improvement Program funding.